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CARL J. WILSON
COMMISSIONER

October 23, 2026

Elaine Brown, Town Clerk
PO Box 206
Franklin, ME 04634

Re: Conservation Closure(s)/Opening(s)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the following request(s). New requests in **BOLD**. The following areas include all shellfish species.

Shellfish Area	Effective	End Date	Status
Berry Cove, Lamoine – North of a line beginning at an orange painted post located at the tip of Old Point, then extending east to an orange painted post located at the end of Gilpatrick Lane	7/10/2021	Indefinite	Closed
Calf Island, Sorrento – From the shoreline of the island out to the lowest low tide line of the flats surrounding the island.	8/17/2026	Indefinite	Closed
Carrying Place, Hancock – North of the US Route 1 bridge; AND southwest of a line beginning on the shore at the northern tip of Havey Point running southeast to the northern tip of Cedar Point.	4/1/2024	Indefinite	Closed
Dwelley Point (Springer Creek), Franklin – North of a line beginning at the south tip of Dwelley Point, running west to the south tip of Julius Darling Point.	8/1/2021	Indefinite	Closed
Egypt Bay/Egypt Stream Hancock, Franklin – West of a line beginning at a red painted post on the shore of an unnamed point of land that is located approximately 1000 yards southeast of where route 182 crosses Egypt Stream, then running southeast to a red painted post on the shore of the nearest point of land.	9/15/2024	Indefinite	Closed
El's Cove, Lamoine – Inside of a line beginning at an orange painted post located on the northeast tip of Mosley Point, then extending northeast to an orange painted post located on the south tip of Youngs Point (Garbo Lobster Pound), then extending southwest to an orange painted post on the north shore of El's Cove, so called	4/1/2024	Indefinite	Closed
Falls Point, Sullivan – Inside of a line beginning at an orange-painted post located at the end of Benvenuto Avenue; then extending west to the east tip of Falls Point.	4/1/2024	Indefinite	Closed

The Gonk (Bass Cove) Sullivan, Sorrento – Northwest of a line beginning at an orange painted rock at the end of Edgewood Lane, running northeast to another orange painted rock at the end of the Sullivan Town Landing Road.	10/1/2021	Indefinite	Closed
Great Ledge (Skillings River) Lamoine, Hancock - Inside of a line beginning at the southeast tip of Eagle Point, Lamoine running southeast to the north tip of Seal Point, Lamoine; then running northeast to the west tip of an unnamed point located on the south shore of the mouth of Mill Cove, Hancock; then running northeast returning to the southeast tip of Eagle Point, Lamoine.	12/1/2022	Indefinite	Closed
Ingall's Island (Summer), Sorrento - All the flats north, west and south of Ingall's Island beginning at a red post on the south end of Ingall's Island, then running east to the west end of a long pier on the mainland of Sorrento. Then running southwest to the south side of a rocky bar, continuing southwest to another rocky bar; then north to the extreme west end of a long bar connected to the west side of Ingall's Island. Then running north to a red navigational beacon, then east to a red post on a small point on the Sorrento mainland just north of the Ingall's Island bar. Then west to a red post on the north end of Ingall's Island.	12/1/2023	Indefinite	Closed
Ingall's Island (Winter), Sorrento - The area east of Ingall's Island contained between a north boundary line drawn between a red post on the north end of Ingall's Island to a red post on an unnamed point on the mainland just north of the Ingall's Island bar. A southern boundary line drawn between a red post on the south end of Ingall's Island and the south end of a long pier situated on the mainland a short distance south of Ingall's Island bar following the south side of the pier.	4/1/2024	Indefinite	Closed
Long Cove, Sullivan and Sorrento - East of a line beginning at the east corner of the Sullivan town landing ramp then running southeast to an orange painted post on the northwest point of Waukeag Neck, Sorrento.	12/1/2020	Indefinite	Closed
Ober Cove, Sullivan – All the shores and flats of an unnamed cove locally known as "Ober Cove" beginning at an orange painted post at the end of Fire Road 35B; then south to the Sullivan-Gouldsboro town line; then east along said town line to an orange painted rock and tree located in John Small Cove on the Sullivan-Gouldsboro town line.	6/15/2026	Indefinite	Closed
Raccoon Cove, (Summer), Lamoine: South of a line beginning at an orange painted post in front of the house at the end of Pasture Way, then running southeast to an orange painted post on the north tip of Meadow Point.	**11/5/2026**	**5/1/2026**	**Closed**
Racoon Cove, (Winter), Lamoine: North and west of a line beginning at an orange painted post in front of the house at the end of Pasture Way, then running southeast to an orange painted post on the north tip of Meadow Point; then northeast to an orange painted post on the south tip of Old Point.	7/1/2026 **11/5/2026**	Indefinite **4/30/2027**	Closed **Open**
Taunton River, Hancock - Inside of a line beginning at the orange painted post located at the end of Cemetery Road, then extending southeast to the south side of the Hancock-Sullivan bridge.	4/1/2024	Indefinite	Closed

West Brook (Tinks), Franklin - North of a line beginning at a red painted post on the south tip of the un-named point on the east shore of the cove into which West Brook enters Taunton Bay, running west to a red painted post on the west shore of the cove.	8/1/2021	Indefinite	Closed
Youngs Bay (middle ground), Hancock: Inside of a line beginning at the south tip of Hill Island running south to the west tip of Youngs Point, then running northeast to an unnamed point on the north shore of the cove accessed by the Foss Road, then running northwest returning to the south tip of Hill Island	12/1/2022	Indefinite	Closed

This office approves of the Frenchman Bay Regional Shellfish Programs conservation measures. We appreciate your efforts to keep us informed on your conservation activities.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lt. Troy Dow, Marine Patrol Division II - Lamoine
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